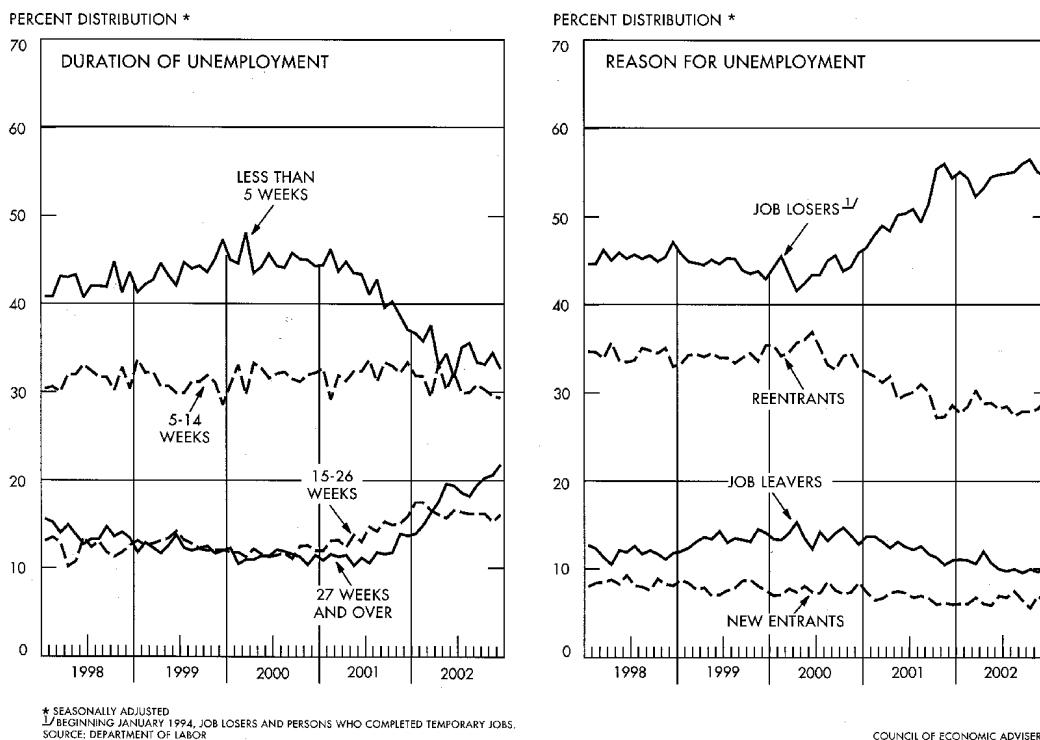


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In December, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5-14 weeks fell; the percentages for 15-26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 18.5 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.6 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular program (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1993	8,940	36.5	28.9	14.5	20.1	18.0	8.3	54.2	10.9	24.6	10.3	2,751	341	2,845
1994 ³	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,655	45.0	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.1	13.7	34.6	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,742	42.0	32.1	14.1	11.8	13.2	6.8	50.8	12.3	30.1	6.7	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,266	34.6	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	54.7	10.4	28.5	6.5	3,585	407	3,618
2001: Dec	8,259	37.1	33.4	15.9	13.7	14.5	8.2	54.4	11.0	28.6	6.0	3,540	410	3,940
2002: Jan	7,922	36.7	31.9	17.5	13.9	14.6	8.8	55.1	11.1	27.7	6.1	3,475	401	4,313
Feb	7,891	35.8	31.8	17.5	14.9	15.0	8.1	54.4	11.0	28.5	6.1	3,522	391	4,300
Mar	8,111	37.6	29.5	16.6	16.3	15.4	8.1	52.3	10.6	30.3	6.8	3,619	422	4,138
Apr	8,594	33.0	33.3	16.1	17.6	16.6	8.9	53.2	12.0	28.8	6.1	3,757	435	3,947
May	8,351	34.4	30.3	15.7	19.6	17.1	9.8	54.5	10.7	28.9	5.9	3,797	412	3,250
June	8,424	31.7	32.3	16.6	19.4	17.3	11.7	54.8	10.0	28.2	7.0	3,672	393	3,539
July	8,345	35.1	29.9	16.4	18.6	16.4	8.6	54.9	9.8	28.5	6.8	3,513	386	3,524
Aug	8,142	35.6	30.0	16.2	18.2	16.2	8.4	55.1	10.0	27.4	7.5	3,532	399	3,123
Sept	8,092	33.4	30.9	16.2	19.5	17.8	9.5	56.0	9.6	27.9	6.5	3,627	423	3,267
Oct	8,209	33.2	30.3	16.2	20.3	17.5	9.6	56.5	10.0	27.9	5.6	3,597	401	2,935
Nov	8,508	34.5	29.6	15.3	20.6	17.7	9.3	55.1	9.7	28.2	7.0	3,483	378	3,082
Dec	8,590	32.7	29.4	16.1	21.8	18.5	9.6	54.6	10.2	29.2	6.1	3,438	418	3,898

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).